



Idaho Forest Legacy Program Project Applications for FFY 2012

Summary

The Idaho Department of Lands is receiving project applications for consideration for the Forest Legacy Program (FLP) in federal fiscal year 2012. Private landowner properties located within one of the six Idaho Forest Legacy Areas with a minimum of five acres and at least 75%% forested land are eligible to apply. The program can provide up to 75% of the program costs for the purchase of conservation easements on private forestlands, with a minimum 25% match requirement coming from private, state or local sources.

The FLP is a voluntary program that seeks to protect environmentally important forestlands that are threatened by conversion to non-forest uses. The FLP operates on the “willing buyer, willing seller” principle, and the program assures that both traditional uses of private lands and the public benefits of America's forests are protected for future generations. The FLP provides an incentive-based mechanism to maintain a working forest, protect important fish and wildlife habitat, conserve watershed functions, and maintain recreation opportunities.

Landowners are encouraged to work with a Land Trust Organization to develop their project. Applications are evaluated by the Idaho Forest Stewardship Advisory Committee using the following three core criteria: *Importance*, *Threatened* and *Strategic*. The level of *Readiness* will also be considered when ranking projects. The top three projects from the state are submitted to the regional and national ranking process for final funding consideration, and funds are awarded to successful projects two years after submitting the initial application.

Applications must be received by **May 31, 2010** to be considered for fiscal year 2012. All proposals must address the Application Requirements and include maps, photos and required supporting documentation. Applications received after the May 31, 2010 deadline may be considered for FFY 2013. Please submit 2 hard copies and 1 full electronic copy of the project proposal to the attention:

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FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM FFY 2012 APPLICATION

Your application should be in outline form, cover all topics listed below, and be presented in this exact order. This ensures that all projects are evaluated in a fair and equitable manner by the State and National review panels.

A. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:
Address:
City:
State:
Zip:
Phone (home):
Phone (work):
Phone (cell):
Fax:
E-mail:

B. SPONSOR INFORMATION

Organization:
Contact:
Address:
City:
State:
Zip:
Phone (work):
Phone (cell):
Fax:
E-mail:

C. PROPERTY INFORMATION

Forest Legacy Area: (see map)

Northeast	<input type="checkbox"/>
Northern Panhandle	<input type="checkbox"/>
Southwest	<input type="checkbox"/>
South Central	<input type="checkbox"/>
Southeast	<input type="checkbox"/>
Central	<input type="checkbox"/>

Project Name:

Project Description: *(Provide a general description of the property including location and current land uses):*

Project nearest Town:

Project County:

Project Location: Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

Legal Description: Township: _____ Range: _____

Section: _____ Quarter: _____

Project Acres:

Estimated Current Land Value Per Acre: \$

Estimated Conservation Easement Value Per Acre (Total Project Cost): \$

Forest Legacy Program Funding Request: \$

Non-Federal Cost-Share (minimum 25% match required): \$

D. IMPORTANCE *(Describe the environmental, social, and economic public benefits gained from the protection and management of the property. More points will be given to projects that demonstrate multiple public benefits at the national or multi-state scale. This criterion reflects the ecological assets and the economic and social values conserved by the project and the scale of people's interest in its protection. It is meant to assess the attributes to be conserved and who is receiving those benefits.)*

1. Scenic: *(Describe the site's scenic attributes and if it is located within a viewshed of a formally designated scenic feature or area (such as trail, river, or highway).)*
2. Historic/Cultural: *(Describe formally documented cultural or historical features that are located on site.)*
3. Forestry: *(Describe how the Landowner has demonstrated the use of sound forest management principles and/or contributes to the resource-based economy for a community or region.)*
4. Threatened or Endangered Species Habitat: *(Does the site have known individuals and/or habitat for designated rare, threatened or endangered plants and animals?)*
5. Fish, Wildlife, Plants, and Unique Forest Communities: *(Describe the site's unique forest communities and/or important fish or wildlife habitat as specified by a wildlife conservation plan or strategy.)*
6. Water Supply Protection: *(Describe any contiguous riparian areas, forested wetlands, shorelines, river systems, sensitive watershed lands, buffer to public drinking water supply or an aquifer recharge area.)*
7. Public Access/Recreation: *(Does the property have full or limited access, [may include specific use restrictions]?)*

E. THREATENED *(Describe the possible current and future threat of conversion to non-forest uses and how it will result in a loss of forest values and public benefits.*

1. Legal: *(Describe the degree of legal protections, or lack of, that currently exists on the property (e.g. current zoning or existing easements) and if these protections remove the threat of conversion.)*
2. Landowners Circumstances: *(e.g. good land steward interested in conserving land, property held in an estate, aging landowner and future use of property by heirs is uncertain, property is up for sale or has a sale pending, landowner has received purchase offers, etc.)*
3. Adjacent land use changes: *(rate of development growth and conversion, rate of population growth, rate of change in ownership, etc).*

F. STRATEGIC *(How does the project fit within a larger conservation plan, strategy, or initiative and enhances previous conservation investments.)*

Describe how the project would:

- 1. Support Federal/State conservation efforts/plans (i.e. USFS Northwest Forest Plan, buffers state/federal lands)*
- 2. Complement state and/or federal land investments in the area (land base, land management, land purchase, conservation programs)*
- 3. Be part of an organized land conservation effort (state, regional, local, land trust, initiatives)*

G. LEVEL OF READINESS

- 1. Landowner commitment (willing seller, status of negotiations, agreements; written, verbal, purchase options)*
- 2. Status of transaction/due diligence (appraisal, conservation easement, purchase and sale agreement, environmental assessment, baseline documentation, Landowner Forest Stewardship Plan)*
- 3. Describe sources and amounts of non-federal match.*
- 4. Describe sources of other federal or private funds and amounts.*

H. SUPPORTING PARTIES *How is the project supported by organizations, partners, stakeholders? List partners; include letters of support; describe big picture; how organized landscape conservation effort is supported.*

I. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- 1. Letters of support*
- 2. Maps – topographic/USGS*
- 3. Photos – aerial/project area*

Updated Idaho Forest Legacy Areas

